



EMSH Insider



WERE YOU SCARED?!

1st Annual Haunted Grove



After a year of planning, the inaugural EMSH Haunted Grove came to life for a three night run October 28th-30th. Guests to our main campus not only enjoyed hayrides that took them into the vivid imaginations of designers Jeff Call and Franklin Howse, but also they witnessed the creative talents of some dedicated characters who faithfully performed nightly in each of the scenes. Clever animatronics assisted in making several of the props seem real, but it was flesh and blood that made the ride fun, suspenseful, gruesome, bewitching, morbid, eclectic and electrifying.

Although the haunted hayrides through the Grove were the focus of this event, break-out venues offered a complete evening of family fun. The 'Kreepy Kafe' was much more than a concession stand as the menu offered a variety of eateries. Children followed the yellow brick road into Dorothy's Emerald City for face-painting, tattoos, and coloring. Families and friends gathered at a Patricia Alonso designed Diorama display for photos. T-shirts were (and still are) available for purchase.



The future of this FRIENDS FUNdraiser can and will be bright if we support it with our time, our talents and our commitment to make it a must attend event for our area. To date, \$6,638.01 has been presented to FRIENDS and another deposit will be made once all pre-order T shirts are paid for and picked up and our "When Christmas Comes to Town" raffles are completed. Grateful thanks to everyone who in small, large or HUGE ways contributed to the success of this mammoth undertaking!



2013 Benefits Fair



EMSH Business Services is happy to announce that their October Benefits Fair was a complete success. With twelve great giveaways donated by Payroll employees and participating vendors Allstate, Purchasing Power, Glynn Griffing & Associates, and Legal Shield, the words "mandatory attendance" became fun as co-workers signed up for their 2014 benefits. "We asked the vendors to be creative and their exhibits were well organized," remarked Rae Brown, who along with Geri Doggett organized the four day event that was held on Main Campus, BASAC, RPW and JTC. "Our plan is to do a follow-up survey for feedback in order to better the event next year," Brown said as she shared how the assertive vendors engaged our employees with questions relative to their products in order to get them to their tables. Winners of the prizes were: RPW's Amber Creel and E. Evon Monroe; JTC's Teresa Morris; BASAC's Kenneth R. Young, Trisha Clark, Ify Azogini, and Bertha Hendrix; Kemper County Group Home's Timothy Hairston; Laundry's Charles Knight and Latasha Adams; Security's Derrick Wallace and Property's Jackie Robinson.

We would like to say a very special, belated **Happy Birthday** to all of those who had birthdays in October. We apologize for the delay and the necessary omission of names in this issue of the *Insider*. Thank you for your patience & understanding.

The Office of Public Information

Spotlight on Mary Dyess

Mary Dyess, CNA on RPW's Dogwood Hall, has been chosen by the EMSh Morale Committee to be *Spotlighted*. She is pictured here with Darline Burnside, RPW Director of Nursing, who said this about Mary: "I have worked with Ms. Mary for 2½ years and I have always found her to be caring and compassionate. Nothing goes lacking when she is on duty and she treats everyone equally." Chaplain John Sweeney told of a time recently when Mary was chosen to represent RPW and EAST MS STATE HOSPITAL at the out of town funeral for one of the residents who she had attended to for many years. "Anytime I am out for a period of time, Ms. Mary steps in and carries out my day to day duties," says Dorothy Burge, Mary's supervisor. "Whatever task I give her, I have no doubt that she will carry through."

Mary began her EMSh career ten years ago on Main Campus in 202. She was off the day that the Nursing Home move was made to North Lakeland Drive and when she reported back to work, she felt like she had gone from night to day! Steve Swogetinsky, RPW Administrator, referred to Ms. Mary as "one of our go to people who is good with residents."



CALENDAR

November 6th-December 9th

PERS Retirement Board Runoff
Cast your vote!

November 15th-December 15th

Purchasing Power Shopping
Limited Time Only!

(You must meet all criteria posted on flyer in News, News, News to shop)

November 28th-29th

Thanksgiving Holidays

December 5th

2013 Annual Christmas Parade

Parade Line-Up @ 12:15 pm

Parade Start @ 1:00 pm

Education Applications due December 9

Employees attending school during the spring semester will need to submit a *Request to Participate in Educational Programs* application to the Professional Development office by Monday, December 9. Applications can be found on the Intranet under Educational Opportunities or may be picked up in the Professional Development office.

